

the transportation at Government expense of baggage and household effects for members of the armed forces or civilian employees of the Department of Defense (or both) a clause that requires the carrier under the contract to pay the full replacement value for loss or damage to the baggage or household effects transported under the contract.

(b) DEDUCTION UPON FAILURE OF CARRIER TO SETTLE.—In the case of a loss or damage of baggage or household effects transported under a contract with a carrier that includes a clause described in subsection (a), the amount equal to the full replacement value for the baggage or household effects shall be deducted from the amount owed by the United States to the carrier under the contract upon a failure of the carrier to settle a claim for such loss or total damage within a reasonable time. The amount so deducted shall be remitted to the claimant, notwithstanding section 2636 of this title.

(c) INAPPLICABILITY OF RELATED LIMITS.—The limitations on amounts of claims that may be settled under section 3721(b) of title 31 do not apply to a carrier's contractual obligation to pay full replacement value under this section.

(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations for administering this section. The regulations shall include policies and procedures for validating and evaluating claims, validating proper claimants, and determining reasonable time for settlement. The regulations may include a requirement that a member of the armed forces or civilian employee of the Department of Defense comply with reasonable restrictions or conditions prescribed by the Secretary in order to receive the full amount deducted under subsection (b).

(e) TRANSPORTATION DEFINED.—In this section, the terms “transportation” and “transport”, with respect to baggage or household effects, includes packing, crating, drayage, temporary storage, and unpacking of the baggage or household effects.

(Added Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, §634(a), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1509; amended Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title III, §363(a), (b), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2167; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, §373, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 82.)

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AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-181 inserted at end “The regulations may include a requirement that a member of the armed forces or civilian employee of the Department of Defense comply with reasonable restrictions or conditions prescribed by the Secretary in order to receive the full amount deducted under subsection (b).”

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-364, §363(b)(1), substituted “shall include” for “may include”.

Pub. L. 109-364, §363(a), substituted “at Government expense of baggage and household effects for members of the armed forces or civilian employees of the Department of Defense (or both)” for “of baggage and household effects for members of the armed forces at Government expense”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-364, §363(b)(2), substituted “shall be deducted” for “may be deducted”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title III, §363(b), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2167, provided that the amendment made by section 363(b) is effective Mar. 1, 2008.

§ 2637. Transportation in certain areas outside the United States

The Secretary of Defense may authorize the commander of a unified combatant command to use Government owned or leased vehicles to provide transportation in an area outside the United States for members of the uniformed services and Federal civilian employees under the jurisdiction of that commander, and for the dependents of such members and employees, if the commander determines that public or private transportation in such area is unsafe or not available. Such transportation shall be provided in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(Added Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title III, §326(a)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1531.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2637, added Pub. L. 98-525, title VI, §614(a), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2540, related to use of passenger motor vehicles of United States for transportation between residences and places of work of senior defense officials, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-550, §2(a)(1), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3070.

§ 2638. Transportation of civilian clothing of enlisted members

The Secretary of the military department concerned may provide for the transportation of the civilian clothing of any person entering the armed forces as an enlisted member to the member's home of record.

(Added Pub. L. 98-525, title XIV, §1401(j)(1), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2620.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following appropriation acts:

Oct. 12, 1984, Pub. L. 98-473, title I, §101(h) [title VIII, §8005], 98 Stat. 1904, 1922.

Dec. 8, 1983, Pub. L. 98-212, title VII, §708, 97 Stat. 1438.

Dec. 21, 1982, Pub. L. 97-377, title I, §101(c) [title VII, §708], 96 Stat. 1833, 1850.

Dec. 29, 1981, Pub. L. 97-114, title VII, §708, 95 Stat. 1579.

Dec. 15, 1980, Pub. L. 96-527, title VII, §708, 94 Stat. 3081.

Dec. 21, 1979, Pub. L. 96-154, title VII, §708, 93 Stat. 1152.

Oct. 13, 1978, Pub. L. 95-457, title VIII, §808, 92 Stat. 1244.

Sept. 21, 1977, Pub. L. 95-111, title VIII, §807, 91 Stat. 899.

Sept. 22, 1976, Pub. L. 94-419, title VII, §707, 90 Stat. 1291.

Feb. 9, 1976, Pub. L. 94-212, title VII, §707, 90 Stat. 168.

Oct. 8, 1974, Pub. L. 93-437, title VIII, §807, 88 Stat. 1225.

Jan. 2, 1974, Pub. L. 93-238, title VII, §707, 87 Stat. 1038.